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\$920,000 in scholarships awarded at 2006 Hispanic Youth Symposium

More than 100 Latino students from throughout the state received college scholarships after participating in the 2006 Hispanic Youth Symposium in Sun Valley April 28-30.

Scholarships valued at more than \$920,000 were awarded at the symposium, which brought nearly 300 Idaho Latino high school students together for a weekend of motivational speakers and interactive workshops. Students also participated in speech, talent, art, and athletic and interactive skill contests.

The Hispanic Youth Symposium was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho National Laboratory, Gem State Diversity Initiatives, state agencies and private employers. Participating colleges and universities were Albertson College of Idaho, Boise State University, BYU-Idaho, College of Southern Idaho, Eastern Idaho Technical College, Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, Northwest Nazarene University, University of Idaho and Utah State University. Several College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) scholarships were awarded. Also, Si Se Puede scholarships were awarded to promising students by Gem State Diversity Initiatives (\$1,000 to seniors and \$500 to juniors). The entire list of scholarship winners follows at the end of this news release.

Theme of the symposium was 'Si Se Puede! -- It Can Be Done!' The event targets the important themes of dropout prevention, continuing education, taking pride in Latino culture and breaking the cycle of poverty. Through the symposium, the students learn that nothing is impossible because they have the power to shape their own future.

- Alicia Raya of Clark County High School was awarded the \$2,500 Natalie Lupe Reyes Memorial Scholarship for being selected the outstanding female student of the symposium. She also received a \$5,800 Boise State University CAMP scholarship and a \$1,000 scholarship from North Wind, Inc.
- Alfredo Castro, Jr. of Minico High School was awarded the \$2,500 Frank Gamboa Sanchez Memorial Scholarship for being selected the outstanding male student of the Symposium. He also received a \$24,800 scholarship to Albertson College of Idaho, a \$500 University of Idaho scholarship and a \$400 Gem State Diversity scholarship for taking second place in the talent (contemporary) competition.

Other winners (Name, high school, scholarship amount):

- Jose I. Gonzales, Aberdeen High School, \$6,000 Lewis-Clark State College CAMP
- Diana Torres, Aberdeen High School, \$300 Gem State Diversity scholarship for the people's choice award in the talent (traditional) competition
- Adriana Villafana, Aberdeen High School, \$3,000 Boise State University
- Alma Cruces, American Falls High School, \$2,000 Boise State University CAMP, \$3,944 University of Idaho CAMP
- Kirstie Aguayo, Blackfoot High School, \$6,000 Lewis-Clark State College CAMP
- Roberto Anguiano, Blackfoot High School, \$6,000 Lewis-Clark State College CAMP
- Erick Hernandez, Blackfoot High School, \$6,000 Lewis-Clark State College CAMP
- Reynoldo Rueda, Blackfoot High School, \$800 Gem State Diversity scholarship for the second-place essay
- Cecilia Gomez, Bonners Ferry High School, \$6,000 Lewis-Clark State College CAMP
- Ashley Ford, Bonneville High School, \$8,500 Idaho State University
- Rosemary Gomez, Bonneville High School, \$1,350 Eastern Idaho Technical College
- Jose Rodriguez, Bonneville High School, \$200 Gem State Diversity scholarship for third place in the talent (contemporary) competition
- Janeth Rojo, Bonneville High School, \$200 Gem State Diversity scholarship for third place in the talent (contemporary) competition
- Alejandra Espinoza, Burley High School, \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Jessica Betancourt, Caldwell High School, \$44,800 Albertson College of Idaho
- Mario Betancourt, Caldwell High School, \$400 Northwest Nazarene University, \$1,200 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place in the talent (contemporary) competition
- Jesus Tarifa, Caldwell High School, \$64,000 Albertson College of Idaho, \$4,500 Idaho State University
- Jorge Gomez, Carey High School, \$1,000 Si Se Puede scholarship
- Angela Garrett, Castleford High School, \$400 Northwest Nazarene University
- Cindy Lopez, Castleford High School, \$1,000 College of Southern Idaho
- Brenda Andrade, Centennial High School, \$300 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place (female) in the 5K run
- Anabeli Orzuna, Centennial High School, \$500 Campesinos Unidos de Idaho
- Fiona Christensen, Century High School, \$24,800 Albertson College of Idaho, \$1,400 Idaho State University, \$3,000 University of Idaho
- Rosana Arrizubieta, Challis High School, \$1,000 Boise State University
- Charito Morales, Challis High School, \$500 Querer Es Poder scholarship
- Beatriz Martinez, Clark County High School, \$2,000 Boise State University CAMP
- Luis Garcia, Emmett High School, \$4,000 Albertson College of Idaho, \$3,944 University of Idaho CAMP, \$300 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place (male) in the 5K run

- Luz Lara, Emmett High School, \$4,000 Albertson College of Idaho
- Miguel Rosas, Filer High School, \$1,000 College of Southern Idaho
- Ana Lilia Duarte, Glenns Ferry High School, \$600 College of Southern Idaho, \$266 Gem State Diversity scholarship for second place in the talent (traditional) competition
- Carlos Durate, Glenns Ferry High School, \$34,800 Albertson College of Idaho, \$266 Gem State Diversity scholarship for second place in the talent (traditional) competition
- Adolfo Valle, Glenns Ferry High School, \$266 Gem State Diversity scholarship for second place in the talent (traditional) competition
- Sandra Avila, Gooding High School, \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Juana Orozco, Gooding High School, \$4,000 Albertson College of Idaho, \$1,000 Si Se Puede scholarship
- Rebeca Hernandez, Hagerman High School, \$8,400 Northwest Nazarene University
- Merary Rojas, Hagerman High School, \$600 College of Southern Idaho, \$1,200 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place in the art competition
- Mike Perez, Highland High School, \$400 Idaho State University
- Ashley Gallup, Hillcrest High School, \$1,500 BYU-Idaho
- Sasha Gallup, Hillcrest High School, \$24,800 Albertson College of Idaho, \$1,500 BYU-Idaho
- Karina Aguilar, Homedale High School, \$24,800 Albertson College of Idaho, \$6,000 Lewis-Clark State College CAMP
- Sandra Hernandez, Idaho Falls High School, \$1,600 Idaho State University, \$1,000 scholarship from North Wind, Inc.
- Veronica Rodriguez, Idaho Falls High School, \$800 and \$200 Gem State Diversity scholarships for second place and the people's choice award in the art competition
- Ellen Roybal, Idaho Leadership Academy, \$64,000 Albertson College of Idaho
- Eduardo Maciel, Jerome High School, \$1,200 Gem State Diversity scholarship for the first-place essay
- Jeanette Sedano, Jerome High School, \$24,800 Albertson College of Idaho, \$5,800 Boise State University CAMP
- Jose Jimenez, Kuna High School, \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Ryan Nunez, Lewiston High School, \$500 Querer Es Poder scholarship
- Mangan Tanner, Mackay High School, \$500 University of Idaho
- Magali Guerrero, Madison High School, \$6,000 Lewis-Clark State College CAMP
- Antonio Vega, Madison High School, \$750 Eastern Idaho Technical College
- Rocio Suazo, Magic Valley High School, \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Manual Herrera, Marsing High School, \$50 Northwest Nazarene University
- Jake Salinas, Meridian High School, \$2,450 University of Idaho
- Jennifer Arguello, Middleton High School, \$2,400 Northwest Nazarene University
- Eduardo Hernandez, Minico High School, \$400 Gem State Diversity scholarship for second place in the talent (contemporary) competition
- Leticia Lopez, Minico High School, \$600 College of Southern Idaho
- Eugenia Rodriguez, Minico High School, \$500 College of Southern Idaho, \$500 Boise State University
- Noemi Vega, Minico High School, \$300 Gem State Diversity scholarship for the fourth-place essay
- Amparo Hurtado, Mountain Home High School, \$500 Boise State University, \$1,000 Si Se Puede scholarship
- Erika Zapata, Mountain Home High School, \$3,200 Albertson College of Idaho, \$890 Boise State University, \$2,000 Boise State University CAMP
- Neiva Gonzales, Mountain View High School, \$24,800 Albertson College of Idaho, \$400 Northwest Nazarene University
- Jorge Leon, Murtaugh High School, \$500 Gem State Diversity scholarship for third place in the art competition
- Fernando Martinez, Murtaugh High School, \$1,000 Si Se Puede scholarship
- Elizabeth Arias, Nampa High School, \$100 Gem State Diversity scholarship for third place in the 5K run
- Jose Loza, Nampa High School, \$50 Northwest Nazarene University
- Christian Martinez, Nampa High School, \$50 Northwest Nazarene University
- Maria Vargas, Nampa High School, \$1,000 Si Se Puede scholarship
- Elizabeth Valdez, New Plymouth High School, \$24,800 Albertson College of Idaho, \$200 Gem State diversity scholarship for second place (female) in the 5K run
- Jamil Sepulveda, North Fremont High School, \$4,800 Albertson College of Idaho, \$2,000 University of Idaho
- Adam Zamora, Notus High School, \$28,000 Albertson College of Idaho, \$1,000 College of Southern Idaho, \$3,000 University of Idaho
- Cruz Gallegos, Parma High School, \$50 Northwest Nazarene University
- Maria Gallegos, Parma High School, \$12,400 Northwest Nazarene University
- Alicia Cabrera, Payette High School, \$24,800 Albertson College of Idaho
- Jessica Fernandez, Pocatello High School, \$150 Gem State Diversity scholarship for the people's choice award in the talent (contemporary) competition
- Vanessa Martinez, Pocatello High School, \$150 Gem State Diversity scholarship for the people's choice award in the talent (contemporary) competition
- Miranda Lopez, Post Falls High School, \$500 Querer Es Poder scholarship
- Lorena Jimenes, Preston High School, \$18,000 Utah State University
- Ramiro De Leon, Raft River High School, \$34,800 Albertson College of Idaho, \$2,000 College of Southern Idaho
- Oscar Luna, Rigby High School, \$2,000 Boise State University, \$5,800 Boise State University CAMP
- Enrique Lopez, Ririe High School, \$500 Querer Es Poder scholarship
- Marisa Garechana, Salmon High School, \$64,000 Albertson College of Idaho, \$600 Idaho State University, \$800 Northwest Nazarene University
- Brielle Coronado, Shelley High School, \$1,000 Boise State University, \$300 Gem State Diversity scholarship for fourth place in the art competition

- Jimena Perez, Shelley High School, \$24,800 Albertson College of Idaho, \$2,400 Northwest Nazarene University
- Octavio Vega, Shelley High School, \$6,000 Lewis-Clark State College CAMP
- Monzerrath Magana, Shoshone High School, \$3,944 University of Idaho CAMP
- Brenda Trejo, Skyline High School, \$1,200 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place in the speech competition
- Dina Vicente, Skyline High School, \$1,000 Si Se Puede scholarship
- Jorge Lemus, Skyview High School, \$600 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place in the talent (traditional) competition
- Vanessa Lemus, Skyview High School, \$600 Gem State Diversity scholarship for first place in the talent (traditional) competition
- Reuben Torres, Snake River High School, \$64,000 Albertson College of Idaho, \$23,000 Utah State University, \$200 Gem State Diversity scholarship for fifth place in the speech competition
- Krista Bustamante, Sugar-Salem High School, \$400 Gem State Diversity scholarship for third place in the talent (traditional) competition, \$500 Gem State Diversity scholarship for third place in the speech competition
- Roberto Leon, Sugar-Salem High School, \$750 Eastern Idaho Technical College
- Tony Torres, Sugar-Salem High School, \$100 Gem State Diversity scholarship for third place (male) in the 5K run
- Samantha Alcala, Twin Falls High School, \$24,800 Albertson College of Idaho, \$600 College of Southern Idaho
- Mary Sandoval, Twin Falls High School, \$2,000 College of Southern Idaho
- Yaquelin Ramirez, Vallivue High School, \$50 Northwest Nazarene University, \$500 Querer Es Poder scholarship
- Ivis Varela, West Jefferson High School, \$500 Gem State Diversity scholarship for the third-place essay
- Jonathon Solano, Weiser High School, \$5,800 Boise State University CAMP, \$3,944 University of Idaho CAMP
- Jose Salazar, Wendell High School, \$200 Gem State Diversity scholarship for second place (male) in the 5K run
- Roy Elizondo, Wilder Sr. High School, \$400 Gem State Diversity scholarship for fourth place in the speech competition
- Rosalva Soto, Wilder Sr. High School, \$6,000 Lewis-Clark State College CAMP
- Claudia Cayeros, Wood River High School, \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Beatriz Garcia, Wood River High School, \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Josue Ricsi, Wood River High School, \$2,000 College of Southern Idaho, \$800 Gem State Diversity scholarship for second place in the speech competition

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